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Letter dated 9 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to attach hereto the text of the declaration by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on the forthcoming elections in Afghanistan, which was adopted in Moscow on 3 April 2014 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Vitaly **Churkin**

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Annex to the letter dated 9 April 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Declaration by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on the forthcoming elections in Afghanistan

[Original: Russian]

We reaffirm our adherence to the emergence of Afghanistan as a responsible regional partner and a peaceful, sovereign, neutral and economically prosperous State free from terrorism and drug-related crime.

We welcome the presidential election and elections to provincial councils scheduled for 5 April 2014 in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. We are hopeful that the elections will be held successfully, in accordance with legislation and in compliance with all the requirements for security, law and order. We are confident that the Government of Afghanistan, with the assistance of the international community, has taken all necessary measures to ensure that every Afghan citizen who wishes to participate in the voting will have an opportunity to do so.

We support the holding of fair, transparent and democratic elections in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan whose results will be recognized as legitimate and will reflect the will of the majority of the population.

We trust that the voting results will enhance peace in the country and the cohesion of the Afghan nation and that the President-elect of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan will maintain the course towards the economic revival and stable political development of the State, social reconciliation, and the well-being of the Afghan people.

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Moscow
3 April 2014